

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Operations

Roads, Parks & Facilities



To: Mayor & Members of Council

From: Jeff Wilson, Division Leader – Roads, Parks & Facilities

Date: October 12, 2021

Subject: Girard Park Tree Planting Project

Recommendation

This report is for information only.

Background

During the late spring of 2021 a concern by a resident was brought to the Municipality's attention involving kids playing soccer in Girard Park and errant soccer balls (and/or other items) being launched over the fence and into neighbouring private yards.

Although retrieval of the soccer balls may have been innocent enough, it did create concerns for residents with back yard pools and safety issues for kids being on private property. Girard Park is a neighborhood park with close proximity to homes and does not support this type of activity.

Comments

Girard Park is a 0.60 Acre Neighborhood Park located at 1410 Traditional Trail. It has a frontage of 100.39 ft and a depth of 100.62 ft. The amenities included in this neighborhood park are a play structure, 5 trees, 2 accessible park benches and a deep well trash collector.

During the COVID pandemic with most or all recreational activities and local sports not permitted to host league play, some Lakeshore youth had begun to utilize parks to play soccer. Due to the insufficient open space for such activities adjacent residents were experiencing soccer balls entering their backyards and pools.

The provincial step reopening of activities has seen youths returning to regular organized activities and since this time no other calls have been received by the Municipality.

It was identified that Girard Park still requires some barrier to protect this from occurring.

Administration's plan for Girard Park is to strategically place new trees to deter sports activities within this neighborhood park. Girard Park will receive an additional 4 trees along the southeast and the west side of the park to provide significant shade for parks users and enhance the tree canopy within the park to alleviate the concern noted above.

Tender values were received for the supply and planting of trees in various locations throughout the Municipality that included the planting of these trees.

Financial Impacts

The table below summarizes the cost for the placement of these trees in Girard Park.

Girard Park Tree Planting Project	Project Cost excluding non-refundable HST
Placement of 4 - 60mm Trees	\$395.90 each
Total Estimated Cost excluding non-refundable HST	\$1,583.60

The costs above will be funded from the approved Parks Operational Budget item.

Report Approval Details

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